

## October is Dysautonomia Month

Dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which is responsible for “automatic” bodily functions such as, but not limited to: respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, bone marrow production, and temperature control.

Whereas, Dysautonomia affects people of any age, gender, race or background, negatively impacting over 70 million people around the world, including many individuals living right here in our wonderful state of Louisiana. There are 15 different forms of Dysautonomia. These include Neuropathy, Vasovagal Syncope, Pure Autonomic Failure, and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (commonly known as POTS), just to list a few. People who have been diagnosed with some form of Dysautonomia often have secondary conditions such as: Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (EDS), Lupus, Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, Sjogren's syndrome or Diabetes.

Whereas, Dysautonomia can be very disabling and is a life changing diagnoses; this chronic illness can result in the inability to work or attend school, may cause social isolation, depression and /or anxiety. It's not just physically affecting people, it's an emotionally and financially draining ailment as well. It's extremely stressful on the families of those impacted.

Dysautonomia Louisiana is a local organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with Dysautonomia and those individuals suffering from its symptoms and still struggling for a diagnosis. Our goal is to bring much needed awareness to the community and information to the medical professionals across Louisiana.

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Therefore, Dysautonomia will help patients obtain an earlier diagnosis and treatment plan, save lives, and foster support for individuals and families already coping with Dysautonomia in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim the month of October as, DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS month throughout Louisiana

Therefore, We are encouraging communities to celebrate Dysautonomia Awareness Month each October in the state of Louisiana.